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SUBJ: US-USSR HEALTH COOPERATION: TELEX LINK

REF: HEW/OIH TELEX OF SEPTEMBER 11, 1973

1. REFERENCED MESSAGE TRANSMITTED TO DR. GLOTOV OF USSR
MINHEALTH ON SEPTEMBER 12.

2. ACCORDING TO GLOTOV, AGREEMENT WAS REACHED WITH DR.
EHRlich JUST BEFORE LATTER'S DEPARTURE FROM MOSCOW SEPTEMBER
7 THAT TELEX LINK WOULD KKO INTO FULL OPERATION FOR ABOUT
ANOTHER TWO WEEKS, BECAUSE HEW MACHINE HAD TO BE RE-LOCATED
AND MINHEALTH HAD TO SEEK TRAINED OPERATOR. GLMPOV REPORTS
THAT MINHEALTH ATTEMPTING TO RECRUIT OPERATOR FROM MINISTRY
OF COMMUNICATIONS, BUT CANDIDATES INTERVIEWED SO FAR HAVE
NOT ACCEPTED POSITION BECAUSE THEY CONSIDER JOB NOT AS GOOD
AS THEIR PRESENT ONES. GLOTOV REVEALED THAT MINHEALTH WILL
PROBABLY HAVE TO OFFER HIGHER SALARY AS INDUCEMENT.

3. SCIATT URGED GLOTOV TO TURN ON MACHINE AT LEAST FOR
RECEPTION, EVEN IN ABSENCE OF SENDING CAPABILITY. GLOTOV
SAID HE WOULD LOOK INTO MATTER AND THOUGHT RECEPTION COULD
BE INITIATED SHORTLY. HE PROMISED TO CALL EMBASSY TO RUN
TEST OF TELEX WHEN MINHEALTH STATION READY.

4. AS TO HOURS OF OPERATION, GLOTOV SAID TENTATIVELY THAT
MINHEALTH TELEX WOULD BE OPERATING ONLY DURING REGULAR
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WORKING HOURS, 900-1800, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY. HE WILL

INVESTIGATE POSSIBILITY OF ONLY RECEIVING AFTER HOURS AND
ON WEEK-ENDS, HOWEVER. HE CONFESSED THAT MINHEALTH WAS
STILL A TELEX TYRO AND THAT DETAILS OF OPERATION WOULD BE
WORKED OUT AFTER DISCUSSIONS WITH SPECIALISTS AND WITH
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS.

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